

REMARKS

To further the prosecution of this Application, the Applicants submit the following remarks. The claims as now presented are believed to be in allowable condition.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 26, 27, and 33-43 are pending in this Application. Claims 1 and 26 are independent claims.

Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment states that the Amendment filed on September 11, 2006 was non-compliant because:

- (4A) A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
- (4C) Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment further indicates that if any of boxes 1 to 4 are checked, the correction required is only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

Corrected Listing of Claims Section

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 11, 2006, in claim 26, the claim status identifier has been changed from "(Previously Presented)" to "(Currently Amended)."

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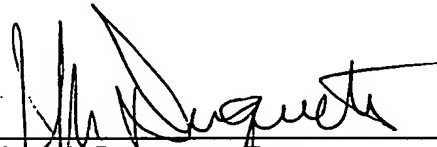
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, this Application should be in condition for allowance. A Notice to this affect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this Response, that the Application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the Applicants' Representative at the number below.

The Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this Response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3661.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-2900, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,



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